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NEWS RELEASE

TO: Area Media Outlets
FROM: Dominic Smith
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RE: **H1N1 Vaccination Clinics Schedule**
RUN: Immediate Release

Attached is the schedule for Bay County Health Department's upcoming H1N1 vaccination clinics for the remainder of November and through December 18th. Please review the attached schedule as some clinics are by appointment-only and others are walk-in. The number to dial for H1N1 vaccination appointments is (989) 895-4009, press extension 1. Bay County Health Department is continuing to prioritize H1N1 vaccinations for individuals recommended receive the vaccine as follows:

- Pregnant women,
- Persons who live with or provide care for infants less than six months of age (e.g.) parents, siblings, and daycare providers,
- Healthcare and emergency medical services personnel,
- Persons aged 6 months to 24 years, and
- Persons ages 25-64 who have medical conditions that put them at higher risk for influenza-related complications.

PARENTS PLEASE BE ADVISED: If your children are between 6 months to 9 years of age, they are required to receive a second dose of the H1N1 vaccine at a minimum of 28 days from the first dose received. Parents with children needing a second dose of the H1N1 vaccine are welcome to attend any of the upcoming clinics.

*NasalFlu Mist vaccine will be administered unless specific illnesses or conditions prevent its use. The injections will **ONLY** be given to those who cannot take the flu mist nasal spray.* Anyone 65 or older will **NOT** be vaccinated unless they are a direct caregiver of a child six months of age or younger.

All minors must be accompanied by parent or legal guardian. Legal guardians must provide proof of guardianship.

Persons seeking the vaccine will need to bring photo identification and insurance card, if they have insurance. The vaccine is free, however, those persons with coverage may have their insurance billed a fee for administration of the vaccine. Those without insurance will not be charged the administration fee.

Please visit Bay County Health Department's website at **www.baycounty-mi.gov/Health** or call our Health Information Line at **(989) 895-4192** for up-to-date information regarding H1N1 vaccine.

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